

## Chapter 22

### **LIBRARIES<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Sec. 22-1. Recreated; management.**

There is hereby recreated and reestablished an independent free library to be known and designated as the Chattanooga Public Library, which shall be managed and governed by a board of directors of seven (7) members, but not more than five (5) of such members shall be of the same sex. The board of directors shall be vested with such power and have such duties as set forth in this chapter.

(Code 1986, § 22-1)

**State law reference**--Library board, T.C.A. § 10-3-103.

#### **Sec. 22-2. Compensation of board; appointment; terms.**

The members of the library board of directors shall serve without salary and shall be nominated by the mayor and confirmed by the city council for three-year terms. At the expiration of the term of a member of such board, members shall hold over until the city council confirms the nomination of the mayor.

(Code 1986, § 22-2; Ord. No. 9654, § 2, 1-6-92)

#### **Sec. 22-3. Powers, duties of board.**

The members of the library board shall organize by electing officers and adopting bylaws and regulations. The board shall have the power to direct the affairs of the library, and to recommend to the mayor the appointment of a librarian, who shall direct the internal affairs of the library, and to recommend to the mayor such assistant or employees as may be necessary. Such board may make and enforce rules and regulations and establish branches of travel service at its discretion. It may expend funds for the special training and formal education of library personnel; provided, such personnel shall agree to work in the library for at least two (2) years after completion of such training and education. Such board may receive donations, devises and bequests to be used by it directly for library purposes. The library board shall furnish to the state library agency such statistics and information as may be required, and shall make annual reports to the mayor.

(Code 1986, § 22-3; Ord. No. 9654, § 13, 1-6-92)

**State law reference**--Similar provisions, T.C.A. § 10-3-104.

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<sup>1</sup> **Cross reference**--Administration, Ch. 2.

**State law reference**--Libraries in counties, cities and towns, T.C.A. § 10-3-101 et seq.

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### **Sec. 22-4. Finances.**

All city tax funds for library purposes, whether raised by bonds or taxation, shall be held by the city treasurer. Such funds may be disbursed when properly drawn upon by vouchers or requisitions. All library accounts of every character and kind shall be audited annually by or under the supervision and direction of the mayor.

(Code 1986, § 22-4; Ord. No. 9654, § 13, 1-6-92)

**State law reference**--Similar provisions, T.C.A. § 10-3-106.

### **Sec. 22-5. Use of library.**

The Chattanooga Public Library shall be free to the inhabitants and residents of the city; however, the board may, in its discretion, extend the privileges and facilities of the library to persons residing outside the city upon such terms as it may deem proper.

(Code 1986, § 22-5)

**State law reference**--Similar provision, T.C.A. § 10-3-107.

### **Sec. 22-6. Rules governing loss, injury to books.**

The library board shall have power to make and enforce rules providing penalties for loss of or injury to library property.

(Code 1986, § 22-6)

**State law reference**--Similar provisions, T.C.A. § 10-3-108.

### **Sec. 22-7. Free public library fund created; duties of city finance officer.**

(a) There be and is hereby created and established a special fund known as the "free public library fund" to be maintained by the city finance officer as a special and separate fund, and which shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds. Charitable contributions, funds from other governmental entities, tax funds, whether raised by bonds or taxation, governmental grants, or otherwise shall be deposited and/or created to such special fund for the use and benefit of a free public library to be hereafter established, created, constructed, maintained and supported pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, section 10-3-101 et seq. The city finance officer is authorized to direct the investment of such funds in the same manner as surplus funds of the city are now being invested, and to eventually pay such fund to the library board of a free public library when established, created and operative upon proper resolution adopted by the city council.

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(b) The city finance officer is authorized to sell stock that is contributed for a free public library and deposit the proceeds therefrom to the free public library fund established herein.

(c) The proceeds from the sale of surplus books by the present city library may be credited to such special fund in the discretion of the board of the presently existing city library.

(Code 1986, § 22-7; Ord. No. 9654, §§ 2 and 8, 1-6-92)

**Cross reference**--Municipal finance regulations, § 2-301 et seq.